financial grants extended to Assam during the last three years under the following schemes:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the scheme	Year	Grants extended
Grants for Creation of Sports	2000-01	25.305
Infrastructure	2001 -02	50.00
	2002-03	73.50
Promotion of Sports and Games in	2000-01	13.50
Schools	2001-02	13.50
	2002-03	—
Financial Assistance for Promotion of	2000-01	3.92
Youth Activities and Training	2001-02	1.66
	2002-03	23.29
Promotion of National Integration	2000-01	2.61
	2001-02	3.02
	2002-03	16.39
Promotion of Adventure Activities	2000-01	5.07
	2001-02	0.02
	2002-03	—

(b) No State-wise allocations are made under any scheme of this Ministry. Depending upon the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government and NGOs, admissible financial assistance is provided. During the current financial year, Rs. 7.00 lakhs has so far been released to the Govt. of Assam under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure.

SAI Infrastructure in Jharkhand

1484. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sports Authority of India has set up full-fledged infrastructure in Jharkhand for promotion of sports and games and also to provide appropriate training facilities for promotion of athletes in the State;

(b) if so, the details of such infrastructure set up in the State alongwith its existing activities/achievements and long term plans; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sports Authority of India has established a Special Area Games (SAG) Centre at Ranchi to cater to the needs of talented sports persons identified in the discipline of hockey, athletics, archery and volleyball. The trainees who qualify the selection norms are admitted at the centre and provided training facilities on residential and non-residential basis. The performance of the trainees is assessed by the end of each academic year and those trainees who do not reach the desired level of expectation are weeded out. The following infrastructure is available at this centre:—

- Synthetic surface for Hockey
- Archery field & Athletic track
- Volleyball Court

A number of athletes and other sports persons from this centre have achieved distinction in various national championships. Three Hockey players from this centre have represented the national teams in different international events. In order to cater to the needs of outstanding sports persons of the State, SAI also plans to establish a Sub Centre at Hazaribagh for which the State Govt. has given 47.5 acres of land and Rs. 1 crore for the development of land. The following facilities are planned to be developed at this sub-centre in near future:-

Synthetic & cinder Athletic Track

Football Ground

Hockey ground (Grassy)

Volleyball Court (Clay)

Kabbaddi Court (Clay)

Basketball Court

Multipurpose Hall for Boxing, Wrestling, Judo, Karate, Taekwondo, Weight Lifting 100 bedded hostel (50 each for boys & girls) and Scientific Centre Administration Building and Staff quarters

(c) Question does not arise.

Promotion of sports in Himachal Pradesh

†1485. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of directions issued by Government to promote sports particularly for rural and hilly areas;

(b) whether any amount is likely to be sanctioned to Himachal Pradesh during 2003-04 for construction of stadium and sports field to promote sports; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider to sanction an amount of Rs. 5 lac for construction of a stadium at Senior Secondary School, Jangla in order to promote sports among children;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE. MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) "Sports" is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create sports facilities at various places, including hilly and rural areas, to promote sports at all levels. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction Central assistance, on receipt of viable proposals, is provided to the State Governments'/Municipal Corporations/ Government schools etc. for creation of various sports facilities under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure. Central assistance is also provided to rural schools under this Ministry's Scheme of Grants to Rural Schools for Purchase of sports equipment and Development of playground.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.